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## DUST TO DUST

PM10, or dust particles, emerge primary pollutant leading to worsened air quality in Bengaluru

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## IN THE CHAIR

DK Shivakumar sworn in along with 13 legislators who took oath as Ministers on day of much fanfare and camaraderie

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## K'taka is doing slightly better in terms of childhood malnutrition, but that is no reason to rejoice as 26.5% of children under 5 years are still stunted and wasting seen in 18.7% kids

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Maternal and child health interventions have worked but rural regions still suffer

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Years of nutrition programmes and welfare interventions have failed to make their mark, as Karnataka is still battling the scrouge of child malnutrition. The latest NFHS-6 (2023–24) reveals that over a quarter of children under five are still stunted and underweight in the state, prompting calls for greater accountability, stronger nutrition policies, and urgent action to address persistent gaps.

The survey found that 26.5% of children under five years are stunted (low height-for-age), down from 35.4% in NFHS-5 (2019-21). The burden remains substantially higher in rural Karnataka, where 32% of children are stunted, compared to 19% in urban areas.

Similarly, wasting (low weight-for-height) declined slightly from 19.5% to 18.7%, while severe wasting reduced significantly from 8.4% to 4.6%. The proportion of underweight children also fell from 32.9% to 27.8%.

Dr. Sylvia Karpagam, public health doctor and researcher, said the focus should not merely be on the decline in malnutrition figures but on the large number of children who continue to be affected. "The NFHS-6 shows that 26.5% of children under five are stunted, and that figure rises to 32% in rural Karnataka compared to 19% in urban areas. In India, we just get happy that the number has dropped and not be outraged that 26.5% are still stunted. These children are going to face immediate as well as long-term, often irreversible and intergenerational, consequences. They can have higher morbidity and mortality as children and are also at greater risk of non-communicable and metabolic diseases as adults. This not only affects the quality of life of the individual but also places a huge strain on the healthcare system." Dr. Karpagam also

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CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

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# School is out

### 750 govt schools close every year on average amid decade-long decline

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The State Government school system is witnessing a sharp structural decline. Official education data reveals that 7,575 government schools have been shut over the last decade; translating to an average closure of nearly 750 schools every year. The figures, drawn from UDISE (Unified District Information System for Education) and SATS (Student Achievement Tracking System), come amid repeated official assurances that government schools are not being closed.

The data shows that the pace of closures has fluctuated but remained consistently high in recent years. In 2021–22 alone, 6,987 government schools were shut, marking one of the steepest annual declines in the system. In 2023–24, another 1,635 schools were closed. While earlier years saw marginal growth in total school numbers, the trend reversed sharply after 2020, with closures increasingly outweighing new additions and mergers.

Overall, the total number of schools in Karnataka rose modestly from 77,967 in 2016–17 to a peak of 79,281 in 2020–21. However, this was followed by a steady decline to 72,294 in 2021–22, 71,010 in 2023–24, and 70,392 in 2025–26. The decline reflects not just outright closures but also large-scale mergers of low-enrolment rural schools into nearby institutions as part of rationalisation efforts.

Experts attribute this alarming trend to multiple structural factors. "A steady decline in birth rates and shrinking family sizes

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## THINGS TO DO

### 01 Crafting heritage

MAATI; The Crafts School presents 'Colours of Maati', bringing together craft, culture and design, while highlighting traditions of Mithila region of Bihar and how women artisans adapt heritage to modern design markets. **Where: SABHA, Bengaluru; When: June 6, 10 am to 8 pm**

### 02 Weekend stories

Atta Galatta presents an interactive storytelling session with Lavanya Prasad, bringing Nilah, a handmade Indian doll from the Nilgiris, alive through adventures, imagination, conversation and activities. For ages 4 to 9. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: June 6, 3.30 pm**

### 03 Jungle adventure

The Galleria Mall has transformed into a Jungle Book-themed destination for children and families, with an immersive experience featuring larger-than-life animatronic displays of iconic characters along with workshops, performances and more. **Where: The Galleria Mall, Yelahanka; When: Until June 7, 12 pm onwards**

### 04 Creative creations

Dastkar Bazaar presents its 25th edition with 160+ craft groups bringing authentic handcrafted merchandise across textiles, pottery, jewellery and wellness products. **Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel; When: Until June 4, 10.30 am to 8 pm**

### 05 Story in movement

Bhoomija presents Beeja Earth Seed, an immersive dance production by Malavika Sarukkai. Conceived as a bold artistic response to ecological crises, it evocatively explores humanity's ties to nature, memory, greed, harmony and loss. **Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts; When: June 6, 7 pm**

# B'luru records rise in outbound bus travel

## Data reveals strong growth in city's bus commuter numbers over recent months, with individuals aged between 21 and 30 years contributing to 60 per cent of overall travel demand

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File photo of commuters at Kempegowda Bus Station

Bengaluru has strengthened its position as one of India's largest intercity bus travel hubs, recording a 15 per cent rise in outbound travellers between October 2025 and March 2026, according to data released by bus-ticketing platform redBus.

The increase comes amid rapid growth in India's organised bus transport sector, fuelled by better road infrastructure, rising digital ticket adoption and growing demand for cost-effective travel options.

Data from redBus shows that private bus operators sold 147.19 million seats during the six-month period, marking a 24 per cent increase from 118.55 million seats sold during the corresponding period a year earlier. The value of bus ticket transactions also grew significantly, rising 20 per cent year-on-year to Rs 14,216 crore.

Bengaluru's contribution to this growth is being driven largely by its young commuter base. Nearly 67 per cent of passengers travelling from the city were aged between 18 and 30 years. Travellers in the 21-25 age bracket alone accounted for more than 31 per cent of all passengers originating from Bengaluru, while those aged between 21 and 30 years contributed close to 60 per cent of overall demand from the city.

The trend reflects a broader national pattern, with travellers aged 18-36 years making up 69 per cent of bus bookings across the country.

The data also points to a notable rise in women passengers. Travel demand from female travellers in Bengaluru increased by 18 per cent between October 2025 and March 2026 compared to the previous year, outpacing growth among male travellers. Industry observers attribute the trend to the increasing popularity of app-based ticket booking, enhanced safety measures, improved onboard amenities and the availability of premium bus services.

Despite paying more than the national average, Bengaluru travellers continue to opt for bus travel in large numbers.

The average bus ticket price from Bengaluru stood at Rs 1,118.5, around 16 per cent higher than the national average fare of Rs 966.

Comfort is becoming an increasingly important factor for travellers. Air-conditioned buses accounted for 72 per cent of journeys, while nearly two-thirds of routes covered distances of more than 250 kilometres, indicating rising demand for long-distance travel.

Online travel platform MakeMyTrip has reported a similar trend. The company expanded its private bus inventory to an average of 46,000 buses and recorded 27.6 per cent growth in bus-ticketing volumes during the March quarter.

# State tightens surveillance for Ebola

The Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Services Department has issued a statewide circular directing all healthcare institutions, including private medical establishments, medical college hospitals and other registered facilities, to immediately report any suspected or probable cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) through the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP). The directive comes in the wake of the World Health Organisation (WHO) declaring Ebola as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on May 17, 2026, followed by a communication from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on May 21, 2026.

The circular emphasises the need for heightened surveillance and preparedness across the state. Hospitals have been instructed to maintain a high index of suspicion, particularly for patients presenting with symptoms such as fever accompanied by bleeding manifestations and relevant travel history to affected regions. All suspected cases must be immediately reported to the District Surveillance Officer without delay, along with strict adherence to infection prevention and control protocols, including isolation and use of personal protective equipment (PPE). The move aims to strengthen early detection, rapid response and containment mechanisms. **— BMB**

# Employers' body challenges State's minimum wage revision plan

The Karnataka High Court has issued notices on a petition challenging the state government's notification proposing a revision of minimum wages across 81 categories of employment.

Justice Jyothi M heard the matter after a petition was filed by the Karnataka Employers' Association and another petitioner questioning the legality of the notification issued on May 22. The petitioners argue that the government relied on provisions of the erstwhile Minimum Wages Act, 1948, despite the legislation having been replaced by the Code on Wages, 2019.

During the hearing, counsel for the petitioners sought permission to add the Union Government as a party to the proceedings. The court allowed the request and directed the petitioners to furnish copies of the petition and related documents to the central

government standing counsel. The matter has been posted for further hearing on June 9.

Senior advocate SS Naganand and advocate BC Prabhakar, appearing for the petitioners, contended that the State had invoked powers under Sections 3(1)(b) and 5(1)(b) of the Minimum Wages Act while issuing the notification. They argued that the act ceased to operate after the Code on Wages came into force on November 21, 2025, making the notification legally unsustainable.

The employers' body has argued that the Code on Wages no longer recognises the concept of "scheduled employments," a category that forms the basis of the State's notification covering 81 sectors. As a result, they contend that the foundation of the notification itself is incompatible with the new legal framework.

The petitioners also argue that minimum wages are already revised annually through the Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) mechanism to account for inflation. Therefore, they say that periodic revisions should be moderate and broadly in line with past increases, which they say typically ranged between 10 per cent and 15 per cent. The case will next be taken up on June 9. **— BMB**

# Auto drivers under scanner for harassment, overcharging

Traffic Police have cracked down on errant auto-rickshaw drivers amid rising complaints of overcharging, refusing rides and operating without meters. In a special enforcement drive conducted over the last three months, police registered nearly 3,000 cases against auto drivers across the city. Of these, 1,354 cases involved charging fares above prescribed rates, while 1,634 cases involved refusing to ferry passengers to their destinations. Authorities said complaints of passenger harassment and fare manipulation have become increasingly common despite fare regulations and mandatory digital meter norms.

A senior official said that with over 2.4 lakh licensed autos serving more than 60 lakh commuters daily, autos remain a crucial mode of transport for Bengaluru's working and middle-class population, particularly women. However, many drivers continue to ignore digital meters and demand arbitrary fares, leaving passengers with little choice but to pay. Officials also noted instances of drivers taking longer routes to fleece newcomers and out-of-state visitors. Officials said the special enforcement drive would continue as complaints against auto drivers remain widespread. Authorities added that the misconduct of a section of drivers also affects honest operators who follow fare rules and meter regulations. **— BMB**

# Over 180 trees on chopping block

## City-based environmentalists and tree activists oppose felling of trees in premises of BDA complex for construction of commercial shopping infrastructure

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Experts say focus must remain on preserving as many fully grown trees as possible

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has sought permission to remove 184 trees within the BDA complex in HSR Layout. The trees have been proposed to be removed for the redevelopment and construction of the BDA shopping complex that will be developed on a PPP Model.

According to BDA, the work of clearing the old commercial complex building is already in progress. Since the huge trees are obstructing the way, permission to cut the trees has been sought from the Forest Cell of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). BDA has also requested GBA officials to inspect the trees standing in the area where temporary shops for the shopkeepers in the commercial complex are expected to be built.

"There are a total of 143 trees in the said commercial complex and it has been proposed (by GBA) to remove 49 identified trees, relocate 12 trees and retain 82 trees within the premises of the complex without disturbing the layout of the proposed new commercial complex. BDA has no objection in this regard and has requested to take further action as per the rules," BDA noted in its application.

However, city-based environmentalists and tree activists say the existing trees in the premises of the BDA complex should not be felled for various reasons.

Notably, BDA's proposal to remove these trees has met with strong public objection in the past. Experts say the same proposal has now been given, albeit in a different format.

**City is already rapidly losing its green cover and such remaining urban green spaces must be protected, granting permission for cutting trees would cause irreversible environmental damage, says founder of Project Vruksha**

Last month, based on complaints by citizens, the forest department served a notice to the Bangalore Development Authority for carrying out unauthorised construction work inside the BDA Complex in HSR Layout.

According to the forest department, the project requires the removal of 184 trees inside the BDA complex campus. As per the rules, any construction activity can be taken up only after the verification process is completed, which is due in this case.

According to Vijay Nishant, founder of Project Vruksha, the proposal to remove 184 trees defeats the purpose of the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act.

He says the trees that have been numbered for proposed cutting are standing adjacent to the compound wall and do not require removal. Most of these are 30 to 50-year-old mature trees that provide essential shade and ecological balance and are deeply integrated with HSR Layout's green cover. "Bengaluru is already rapidly losing its green cover and such remaining urban green spaces must be protected for future generations. Granting permission for cutting these trees would cause irreversible environmental damage and set a wrong precedent for the city. Any permission granted for tree cutting in these areas will be brought to the notice of the High Court," said Nishant.

Experts say that, too often, mature trees are the first casualties of development due to inadequate planning. Instead of seeking permission to cut a certain number of trees, the agencies should consult about the number of fully grown trees that can be preserved.

"Every major project in Bengaluru should require strict adherence to the tree policy and an independent environmental impact assessment to safeguard the city's green canopy. Repeated tree falls in every monsoon reveal a pattern of negligence: concrete suffocates roots and poor maintenance weakens trees. Protecting our green cover demands stronger citizen participation and greater support for the forest department, which currently lacks the manpower and equipment to maintain the city's trees," said Vinod Jacob, founder of Environment Impact Group.

# RT Nagar residents seek action on growing neighbourhood menace

## Citizens complain of property damage and road safety risks caused by youngsters, demand police intervention and stricter vigilance

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Citizens have also raised concerns about individuals performing wheeling and other dangerous stunts within residential area (File photo)

Residents of RT Nagar 1st and 2nd Blocks have reported ongoing disturbances linked to the activities of local juveniles. According to residents, the behaviour has caused inconvenience in the neighbourhood and raised safety concerns, particularly among senior citizens.

Community members stated that they had already approached the jurisdictional police regarding the issue, but no action has been taken so far. They have urged authorities to maintain a closer watch in the area to prevent further disturbances. "It has become tough for us to park vehicles in front of our homes as there is no guarantee that our vehicles will be safe from these vandals. I have already complained to the police but no stern action has been initiated to end this menace. These individuals wander the roads in groups and damage stationary vehicles. I am of the opinion that police must deal with such wayward children with an iron hand," narrated a homemaker, on the condition of anonymity.

The RT Nagar Residents' Welfare Association has reportedly written to the jurisdictional police inspector on May 12, requesting measures to address disturbances caused by juveniles in the locality. The association stated that incidents of vehicle damage, harassment of stray animals and inconvenience to pedestrians, particularly senior citizens, have been reported. In the letter, the association also raised concerns about individuals performing wheeling and other dangerous stunts on roads within the residential area.

"We have already complained to the police. We will take up the issue once again during the executive committee meeting," said HN Raju, Secretary, RT Nagar Residents' Welfare Association.

Expressing concern over the inaction of police, a homemaker said the juveniles from neighbouring areas have become a nuisance for the residents. "It is quite shocking and disgusting to see juveniles wandering on the streets in groups holding big sticks and damaging stationary vehicles. I appeal to the police to curb this nuisance which is making this area, once a peaceful locality, into a notorious area," she said.

Another resident, requesting anonymity, alleged that the youngsters steal building materials such as steel rods, along with items like children's bicycles. "I want the police to keep a vigil. They are such a menace. Once, they also came dangerously close to us while wheeling on a bike," the resident said.

RT Nagar police inspector was not available for a comment.

# Drugs worth Rs 5.71 crore seized at KIA

Bengaluru Customs officials have seized 3.78 kg of hydro ganja valued at Rs 1.32 crore and 12.55 kg of hydro ganja valued at Rs 4.39 crore in two separate interceptions on June 2.

According to an official update on X, the passengers carrying the illegal substances had arrived from Bangkok.

The substances were found concealed in baggage at KIA Terminal 2. The accused have been arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985 and further investigation is underway. **-BMB**

# KSRTC bus breakdown draws criticism

A KSRTC bus travelling from Mysuru to Bengaluru reportedly broke down on the expressway on Wednesday. A social media user pointed out that the vehicle's fittings were worn out, the engine had suffered damage and the front grille was also broken. The bus was said to be operating at around 80 kmph before the breakdown.

It was also found that no immediate replacement bus was arranged for the passengers, forcing many to travel in other vehicles.

Responding to the complaint, KSRTC stated that the matter had been forwarded to the concerned divisions for further examination into the condition of the bus. Meanwhile, netizens expressed concern over the corporation's maintenance practices. **-BMB**

# Jail inmates to get training in computer skills

Prison department has partnered with RV College of Engineering to provide free job-oriented skill training to inmates at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, aiming to improve their chances of rebuilding their lives after release. Under the 'Cell to Skill' initiative, a computer lab with 30 systems has been set up inside the prison. Inmates will receive three hours of daily training in computer hardware assembly, networking, digital literacy, desktop publishing, MS Office applications, email documentation and other technical skills. The programme is expected to begin within a week.

A senior official said the initiative is designed to help inmates become financially independent and reduce the likelihood of reoffending after release. Initially, inmates who have passed Class 10, possess basic computer awareness and are likely to be released within a year will be selected for training. The programme will first be implemented at the central prison and later expanded to other prisons across Karnataka. Officials said the larger goal is to equip inmates with employable skills, confidence and the ability to reintegrate into society with dignity. **-BMB**

# Authorities summoned over sorry state of Sankey Tank

## Order directs immediate corrective measures while investigating possible maladministration by officials responsible for preserving Bengaluru's historic waterbody and ecology

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Migratory birds missing amid worsening ecological conditions

Upa Lokayukta Justice KN Phaneendra has registered a suo motu complaint against the authorities responsible for the maintenance of Sankey Tank. The Upa Lokayukta has summoned the authorities to appear before him on July 7 and submit reports on the measures taken by them.

The Upa Lokayukta issued summons to Geeta, Executive Engineer (Lakes), Venkatalakshmi, Assistant Executive Engineer (Lakes), Siddaramaiah, Assistant Engineer (Lakes), Harshanayak, Executive Engineer, Sushma, Assistant Executive Engineer, Harinath, Executive Engineer, BWSSB, Harish, Assistant Executive Engineer, BWSSB, Malleshwaram 18th Cross, Navaneeth, Executive Engineer, BWSSB, and Deepak, Assistant Executive Engineer.

"The respondents are directed to take all immediate necessary steps to redress the grievance if any as alleged and submit their comments and action taken report to me (Upa Lokayukta-1) within four weeks from yesterday on the issues referred to in the news item extracted above as well as various issues referred to above in my order, by being present before me. Also send a copy of this order to Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban, Commissioner of Bengaluru West City Corporation, Chief Engineer, BWSSB, Bengaluru," the Upa Lokayukta order reads.

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SOS for Sankey Tank grows louder as water quality dips
Government spent huge amounts of taxpayers' money for work at lake, but condition of its water deteriorating by the

BM has been covering the issues of Sankey Tank, including declining water quality and residents' concerns

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Sankey Tank still under sewage siege

The order stated that, for the purpose of redressing the grievance and examining whether there was any inaction or maladministration on the part of the authorities concerned, it was necessary to implement the officers and summon them. The Upa Lokayukta observed that Sankey Tank is a popular destination for nature lovers and tourists. "The residents of Sadashivanagar that is Voice of Sadashivanagara have protested against the recent poor state of the Sankey Tank, which includes flow of sewage, blocked rainwater inlets, cutting of trees near the lake area, death of fish in the lake as well as absence of migratory birds from the lake. The officials of various bodies such as Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) as well as the BWSSB are under obligation to investigate the poor state of the lake without such protests and must make sure that the existing lakes in and around Bengaluru are preserved and developed. When incidents of this kind transpire, it shows the lack of concern by the authorities towards the ecology and biodiversity, which needs to be addressed," the order reads.

> **"The respondents are directed to take all immediate necessary steps to redress the grievance if any as alleged and submit their comments and action taken report to me (Upa Lokayukta-1) within four weeks from today..."** – Justice KN Phaneendra, Upa Lokayukta

Shilpa Jatti, a member of Voice of Sadashivanagar, said she hoped it would help preserve Sankey Tank. "I expect the authorities concerned to take measures to safeguard Sankey Tank," she said.

# Bottom of the pyramid

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highlighted concerns regarding the quality of nutrition monitoring systems and data collection. "Our field visits to anganwadis in Mundgod, Vijayapura and Anekal showed more moderate and severe malnutrition, while the anganwadi data showed zero for these indicators. A punitive model, where those at the lowest level of the hierarchy, such as ASHAs and Anganwadi workers, are penalised, is unfair. The entire system should be held accountable; otherwise, data fudging can happen," she said. Deepa R, Research Scientist, PHFI-CDLR, told BM about the reasons for this persisting problem. "Inadequate dietary intake, recurrent infections, poor dietary diversity, household food insecurity, and maternal undernutrition remain key contributors. In many communities, thinness and short stature are often viewed as hereditary rather than signs of malnutrition, delaying action.

Covid-19 disruptions also affected nutrition services and livelihoods. Poverty, poor sanitation, unsafe water, agricultural distress, seasonal migration, and inadequate birth spacing continues to disproportionately affect rural households, preventing further reductions in child malnutrition," said Deepa.

Experts have also pointed out that the improvements in child nutrition indicators in Karnataka are closely linked to the expansion of key maternal and child health interventions such as Mathrupoorna, improved antenatal care coverage, increased iron and folic acid (IFA) supplementation during pregnancy, and strengthened Anganwadi services. "Progress has been stronger in urban areas, where access to healthcare, sanitation, and education is better. However, rural areas have shown only marginal improvement, and some indicators have worsened, suggesting that the benefits of these interventions have not reached all populations equally," said Deepa.

Meanwhile public health expert Dr. Edmond Fernandes said several barriers continue to prevent faster reductions in child mal-nutrition. "Knowledge insufficiency and implementation inefficiency remain the critical concerns preventing exponential grassroot reduction in child malnutrition besides pro-poor knowledge levels among parents of these children." According to Deepa, climate change is also increasingly affecting food production, diet quality, and household food security. "It is important to focus on climate-resilient food systems. We need convergence of health, nutrition, sanitation, agriculture, and social protection programmes. Interventions should target adolescent girls, pregnant women, and young children to break the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition. Interventions have to focus on behaviour change communication to improve maternal and child feeding practices, promoting affordable nutrient-rich foods, and improving dietary diversity," said Deepa.

Experts pointed out that wasting should not be the primary nutrition indicator and called for greater emphasis on stunting and undernutrition, with a decline in severe wasting from 8.4% to 4.6%. "On-going efforts have a considerable impact, besides timely monitoring and evaluation and stepped up efforts to bring down the numbers. But what is necessary is to bring the numbers down in a time bound manner and prevent reversal. That can be achieved by systematic parental ownership and community literacy," explained Dr Fernandes.

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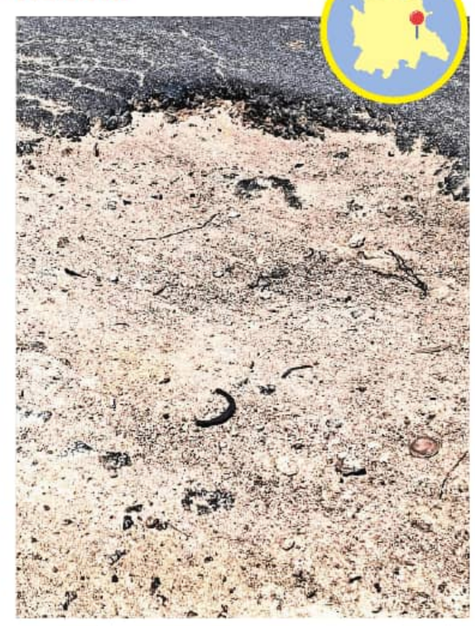
### Impact: Drain repaired

**Langford Town**

Broken sewage drain cover in Langford Town was repaired after issue was highlighted in these

### Unsafe stretch

**Hebbal**


Damaged stretch on Hebbal Main Ring Road is causing inconvenience and safety concerns for daily commuters and motorists

### Pothole peril

**Yelahanka**

Deep potholes on road near Yelahanka Railway Station are causing traffic disruptions and posing serious safety risks to motorists.

# World Environment Day: 1 DAY to go

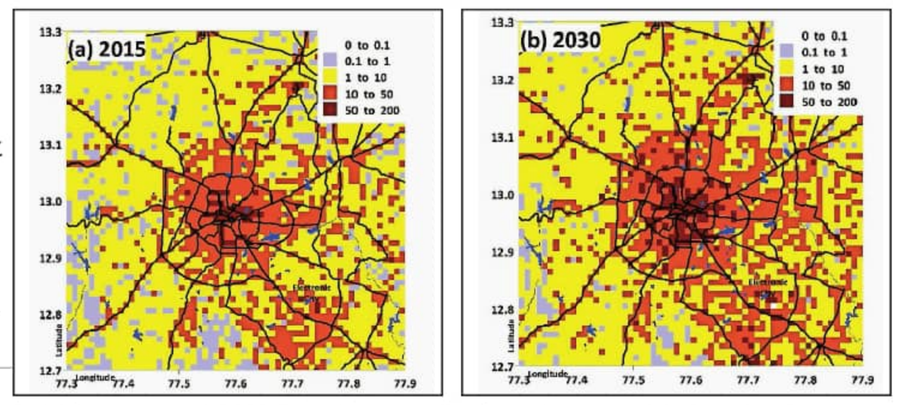
## PM2.5: Cause of concern

While PM10 continues to be the biggest pollutant, air quality experts have raised concerns about the increasing levels of finer particulate matter, PM2.5, which poses residents to even greater health risks than PM10.

A study conducted by researchers from Urban Emissions in New Delhi, Desert Research Institute in the USA, and the Center for Study of Science, Technology & Policy in Bengaluru a few years ago had predicted that under the business as usual scenario, in 2030, there will be an increase of 54% in PM2.5 areas with PM2.5 annual averages above the national ambient standard of 40 ○g/m3.

An emission hotspot study conducted by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) in Bengaluru in 2024 found that the city has as many as 80 locations with high particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions. Out of the 80 polluted locations, Bingipura, Sankey Road, KCDC, Hebbal, Mehkri Circle, Bommasandra, Mavallipura, Jiganbi, Shanti Nagar, and Veerasandra were identified as the ten most potent emission hotspots. Experts say that unless there is an aggressive strategy to improve urban planning and public transport options, pollutant emissions are expected to increase.

MAP SOURCE: Study titled 'Air quality, emissions, and source contributions analysis for the Greater Bengaluru region of India', published in the Atmospheric Pollution Research journal




**Gridded annual PM2.5 emissions (in tons/year/grid) for the Greater Bengaluru region for 2015 and 2030, at approximately 1-km spatial resolution**

# We are done & dusted

## 2026 is emerging as most polluted year in city in last 7 years, with PM10 that is dust particles being the leading pollutant that has worsened air quality

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In the last seven years, 2026 is turning out to be the most polluted year for Bengaluru, the open-source air quality monitoring platform AQI.IN has claimed. According to the platform, the city has recorded an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 121 between January and now, which is 43.1% worse than previous years - 2020 (AQI 86), 2021 (84), 2022 (86), 2023 (78), 2024 (84), and 2025 (90).

This data appears to be in line with monthly AQI data by the Air Quality Monitoring cell of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). Bengaluru's AQI monitored by KSPCB in March this year shows an exponentially large number of days with 'moderate' AQI (between 101 and 200) compared with such days in March last year.

### Primary pollutant

A deep dive into KSPCB's report also shows PM10, or dust particles, as the primary pollutant leading to worsened air quality in the city.

According to researchers from the Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP), last year, Bengaluru had more than 1,500 RERA-registered construction projects under development, primarily comprising large multi-storey buildings.

"This figure does not account for the thousands of smaller residential, commercial, and industrial projects, nor does it include major infrastructure works, such as road expansion and metro construction. Taken together, these activities generate an enormous amount of dust, making construction one of the major contributors to PM10," said Anirban Banerjee, Policy Specialist in the Air Quality team at CSTEP.

Experts say reducing dust pollution requires a multi-pronged approach. The quickest way to reduce it is to focus on lowering the silt load (loose soil) on roads. Better road maintenance, paving of road shoulders and adjoining unpaved areas, and regular mechanized cleaning can significantly reduce the amount of dust available for resuspension by traffic.

Experts also point to construction sites not following rules under C&D Waste Management, aggravating the situation.

"Bengaluru is perennially under construction. But, guidelines on dust mitigation at these construction sites are not being followed. Even in the case of metro construction, while barriers are installed at ground level, there is no protection layer at higher levels. This is when the city is losing its green cover at a much faster rate than ever before. One way to reduce dust pollution and, in turn, PM10 levels is by following construction site guidelines," said Dr Pratima Singh, director, Air pollution and waste management, iFOREST.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board's guidelines, measures should be taken on construction sites to mitigate dust arising due to activities such as loading/unloading operations, vehicle movement, machinery used in C & D operations, etc.

It underlines that the Air Quality Index in the area of construction sites should comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The rules further mandate dust abatement measures in handling C&D material, including sprinkling water from nozzles to suppress dust resuspension at the site, and C&D wastes or construction material, whether stored or transported, to be preferably covered, depending on the dust that is generated.

### NCAP failure

**PM10 or dust levels continue to surge in Bengaluru despite the Central environment ministry's National Clean Air Program (NCAP) in place since 2019.**

**Under the programme, cities were given the target to achieve a reduction in PM10 levels of up to 40% or achievement of national ambient air quality standards (60○g/m3) by 2025-26 from the levels of 2019-20.**

**However, according to government data, the average annual concentration of PM10 in Bengaluru has neither reduced by 40% nor has it reached the national standard of 60○g/m3. This despite Bengaluru utilizing a little over 81% of the total fund released under the programme.**

NOTE: GRAPH SOURCE: PRANA PORTAL, MOEF&CC

**Data from the central environment ministry's Prana portal also shows that Bengaluru, so far, has utilised Rs 440.24 crore out of the total Rs 541.1 crore released under NCAP. While Rs. 95.56 crore was utilized in 2025-26, Rs 176.81 crore was used in 2024-25, under Rs 29.27 crore was utilised in 2023-24, Rs 132.6 crore in 2022-23, and Rs 5.99 crore in 2020-21.**

# What a fall from grace

The rain lasted just a few hours, but the mess it left behind has lasted for more than a week now. Across several stretches of the city, including Sadashivanagar, piles of tree debris continue to occupy roadsides and footpaths despite the removal of many fallen trees. Residents say the delayed clean-up is now causing more inconvenience than the storm itself. While civic workers have removed many of the fallen trees, heaps of branches, leaves and logs continue to clutter public spaces across the locality. In some areas, residents claim the debris has remained untouched for over a week, turning what was initially storm damage into a civic inconvenience.

For pedestrians, the biggest challenge is navigating blocked footpaths. Several stretches that were once walkable are now covered with branches and cut logs, forcing people onto the road alongside moving vehicles. "Children, senior citizens and morning walkers are the worst affected. When the footpath is blocked, people have no option but to walk on the road," said a resident of the area.

### More dust pollution

Residents also complain that the drying leaves, twigs and exposed soil are contributing to dust pollution. Vehicles passing through the area stir up dust throughout the day, creating discomfort for pedestrians and those living nearby. A few residents have also reported minor tyre punctures caused by sharp wooden fragments left scattered along the roadside.

Another issue that has emerged is the foul smell developing around some of the debris piles. According to residents, stray dogs frequently use the unattended heaps as spots to urinate and defecate, making the area unpleasant for those walking past and for residents living close by. The debris is also attracting litter. Plastic bottles, wrappers and other waste have begun appearing among the branches, with residents saying the unattended piles are slowly being treated as informal dumping spots. "Once waste starts accumulating in one place, more people add to it. What was initially tree debris is now becoming a garbage problem," said another resident.

—Muhammed Ameen

# Metro network sprouts new life

## Green makeover gathers pace as nearly two lakh saplings transform Bengaluru Metro corridors, boosting sustainability across key transit hubs

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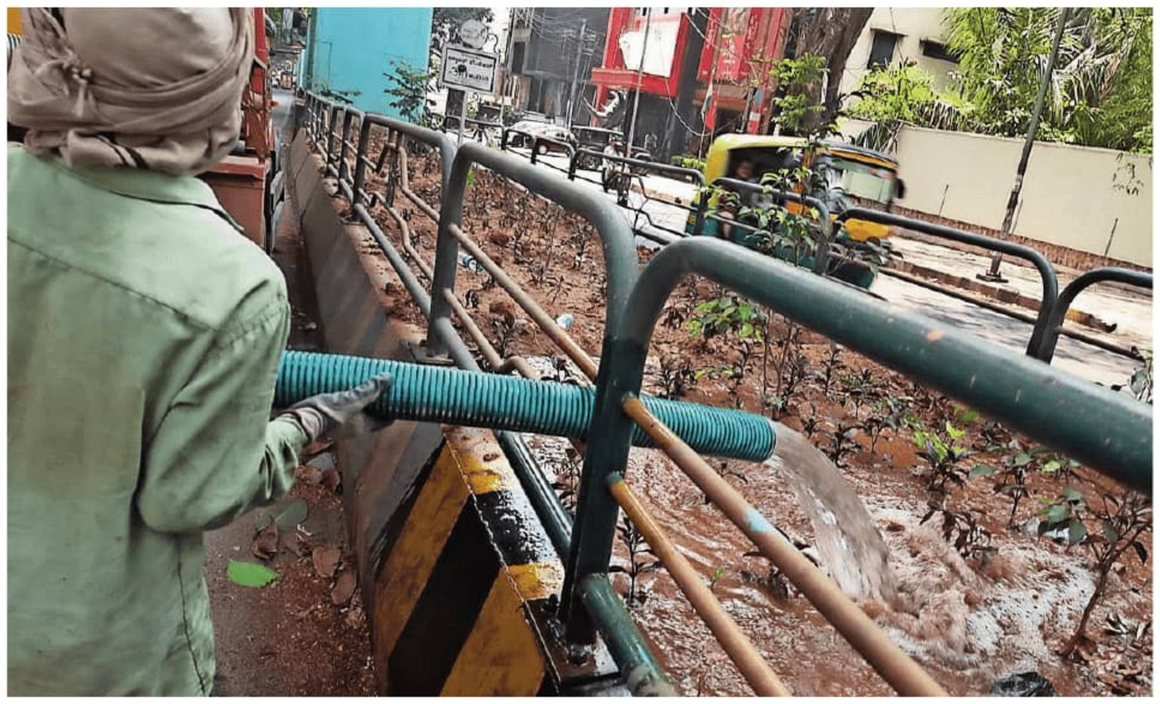

Metro stations get eco-friendly makeover with extensive plantation drive

In an effort to combat rising air pollution and improve urban environmental health, a large-scale plantation drive has been completed across five key Namma Metro stations in Bengaluru. The initiative has transformed stretches around RV Road, BTM Layout, Ragigudda, Jayadeva Hospital and JP Nagar Metro stations into greener transit corridors, with nearly two lakh plants already planted across these locations.

The project has been undertaken by the not-for-profit organisation Aahwahan Foundation under its Breathe Better India Initiative. The plantation work was carried out with the permission of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). The initiative forms part of a broader effort to create sustainable urban spaces along Bengaluru's rapidly expanding metro network.

Only government-approved plant species, including bougainvillea, lilies and other oxygen-enhancing varieties, have been used. These plants are expected to contribute to improved air quality, increased green cover and a healthier commuting environment for the city's residents.

According to the foundation, the plantations have been strategically introduced along metro medians, road dividers and corridor stretches where vehicular emissions are typically concentrated.

"The green buffers are intended to absorb pollutants and dust while enhancing the visual appeal of public infrastructure. The initiative also seeks to demonstrate how environmental conservation can be integrated into large-scale urban development projects. Air pollution along major urban transport corridors remains a significant challenge for Bengaluru as the city continues to grow. Through our partnership with Namma Metro, we are demonstrating how infrastructure development and environmental stewardship can work together to create healthier urban spaces," said Braja Kishore Pradhan, environmentalist and founder of Aahwahan Foundation. Plans are underway to extend the plantation drive to 19 additional metro stations in the coming months.

**Aahwahan Foundation completes extensive planting around five stations, with expansion planned citywide to curb pollution, strengthen biodiversity and enhance commuter surroundings**

Pradhan added, "Planting trees, shrubs and ground cover along metro corridors helps establish continuous green buffers capable of absorbing vehicle emissions, improving air quality and enhancing the daily commuting experience for millions of citizens."

The organisation will also carry out maintenance to support biodiversity and create healthier public spaces.

"Rather than a one-time plantation activity, this is a sustained environmental movement aimed at making cities greener, cleaner and more liveable for future generations," he added.

# BMTC goes big on QR tickets, smart cards

## BMTC rolls out mobile QR ticketing, smart cards and advanced machines, aiming to modernise Bengaluru's public transport experience

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BMTC is preparing for a major digital upgrade that could soon allow commuters to purchase bus tickets on their mobile phones even before reaching a bus stop. In a push towards fully cashless and paperless travel, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is introducing a QR code-based ticketing system along with 11,000 advanced Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) across its fleet.

The move comes after BMTC's UPI-based payment system significantly reduced the long-standing issue of conductors struggling to provide change. Under the new system, passengers can book QR-based mobile tickets through a digital platform before boarding a bus. Once on board, they only need to show the QR ticket to the conductor, who will validate it using the upgraded ETM device.

Officials said the transport utility is also working on a closed-loop smart card system similar to the Namma Metro card, enabling faster and contactless ticketing. As part of the rollout, nearly 4,000 new ETMs have already been distributed to conductors, while the remaining machines will be introduced in phases, replacing older devices.

BMTC is also preparing to launch the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) system in June, allowing commuters to use a single card for both bus and Metro travel. Technical integration work is currently under way and is expected to be completed within weeks. Officials said the system is designed to support multiple payment modes and simplify access to public transport across Bengaluru.

**Passengers can pre-book fares digitally, while dynamic payment verification curbs misuse, boosts transparency and streamlines journeys across the city**

The corporation believes the new ticketing model will also plug revenue leakages identified under the existing QR payment system. Currently, more than 51 per cent of BMTC ticket transactions reportedly take place through QR-based payments. However, officials admitted that loopholes in the earlier system enabled some conductors to display personal UPI QR codes and divert passenger payments directly into private accounts.

The new ETMs generate dynamic QR codes for every transaction, ensuring payments are routed only through authorised BMTC channels. Transport officials said this would strengthen transparency and improve financial accountability.

A senior official said the upgraded machines are being introduced with both commuter convenience and the corporation's financial interests in mind. Apart from QR validation, the devices are equipped to support automated fare collection and smart card-based ticketing.

"Once fully implemented, BMTC's daily commute could become almost entirely contactless, with passengers no longer needing cash, paper tickets or even physical interaction during ticket purchases. For a city constantly battling traffic congestion and overcrowded buses, this technology-driven transition will at least make the journey a little smoother," said Devaraj K, a regular commuter.

# Hampi monuments get ₹70-lakh boost

In a major effort to preserve the architectural grandeur of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hampi for future generations, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has launched restoration and conservation works worth ₹70 lakh across key monuments in the region. The initiative gathered momentum following directions issued by Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during his recent visit to the heritage site.

With the monsoon approaching, the ASI has prioritised measures to prevent rainwater damage to ancient structures, particularly seepage through cracks that can weaken foundations over time. Traditional conservation techniques are being employed to strengthen the monuments while preserving their historical authenticity.

Restoration work is currently under way at the iconic Hazara Rama Temple and the historic Mahanavami Dibba. Around ₹14 lakh is being spent on reinforcing the Mahanavami Dibba, where damaged lime concrete on the upper section is being removed and replaced with a traditional lime-based mixture and plaster to prevent rainwater seepage.

At the Hazara Rama Temple complex, stone flooring is being repaired at a cost of nearly ₹56 lakh, with granite slabs being realigned to ensure proper drainage during the monsoon. ASI officials said no modern cement is being used in the conservation process. Instead, traditional Vijayanagara-era materials such as lime, river sand, jaggery, myrobalan, bael fruit and river pebbles are being used to maintain the monuments' originality.

ASI officials said the works are expected to be completed within 60 days. Tourism stakeholders have welcomed the initiative, describing the restoration of Hampi's ancient monuments as essential to safeguarding India's rich cultural heritage

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# BDA moves to reclaim land

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has launched a drive to reclaim and safeguard land earmarked for public use in private layouts and apartment complexes through relinquishment deeds. This legal mechanism requires developers to transfer roads, parks and civic amenity sites to the authority as a condition of layout approval. With land values soaring across Bengaluru, several residents' associations and builders have allegedly continued to occupy or use such parcels despite ownership having been transferred to the BDA.

To prevent misuse, the authority is identifying these properties across the city, installing signboards declaring them to be BDA-owned public-use land, and raising awareness among residents that the sites must be used only for their designated civic purposes.

A BDA official said, "The exercise is being carried out through the BDA's zonal offices, with officials surveying layouts, verifying land use and engaging with apartment associations. The initiative has already been implemented at the Sobha Arena apartment complex in Judicial Layout, Talaghattapura, where signboards have been erected at multiple locations. Similar action is planned across other layouts to ensure public assets are protected and developed for community use."

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# DKS begins new chapter at the helm

## Constitution in hand, Shivakumar takes charge; 13 legislators also take oath on day of much fanfare

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Newly appointed Chief Minister waves to the public, on Wednesday

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DK Shivakumar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka on Wednesday, marking the formation of the new state government. Alongside him, 13 legislators took the oath as Cabinet ministers, including senior Congress leader G Parameshwara.

The other legislators inducted into the Cabinet were KH Muniyappa, KJ George, MB Patil, Ramalinga Reddy, Satish Jarkiholi, Krishna Byregowda, Priyank Kharge, UT Khader, Eshwar Khandre, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Byrathi Suresh and Sharan Prakash Patil. Except for Khader and Yathindra Siddaramaiah, all the newly sworn-in ministers had previously served in the Siddaramaiah-led government. Khader most recently served as Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, while Yathindra Siddaramaiah, a member of the Legislative Council, is Siddaramaiah's son.

### Sonia Gandhi asks CM to foster unity

Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi spoke with Shivakumar over the phone on Wednesday, congratulating him and advising him to lead the government with an inclusive approach.

According to a statement from Shivakumar's office, Gandhi expressed confidence in his leadership abilities and wished him success as he prepared to take charge of Karnataka. She stressed the importance of working collectively, urging him to unite party members and focus on strengthening both the government and the Congress organisation.

The conversation took place hours before Shivakumar took oath as Karnataka Chief Minister in Bengaluru along with members of his Council of Ministers. Ahead of the ceremony, he sought the blessings of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and met former Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

### Gangadhara Ajja name

Besides a photograph of Gangadhara Ajja placed on the podium, Shivakumar took the oath while holding a copy of the Constitution and invoked the seer's name. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy at Lok Bhavan.

G Parameshwara, who assumed office as Deputy Chief Minister, took his oath in the name of Dr BR Ambedkar.

### Constitution book

When D K Shivakumar took oath as Karnataka Chief Minister, he chose to hold a copy of the Constitution alongside the oath document during the swearing-in ceremony. The gesture was widely seen as symbolic and reflected the Congress party's emphasis on safeguarding constitutional values.

During the previous parliamentary elections, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi frequently carried a copy of the Constitution while campaigning, using it as a symbol of the party's commitment to democratic principles and social justice. By holding the Constitution during his oath-taking ceremony, Shivakumar appeared to echo that message and underscore his commitment to governing in accordance with constitutional ideals.

### 'Stick to rules'

A brief moment drew attention during the swearing-in ceremony when some ministers appeared to move beyond the prescribed oath text. Similar instances have occurred during legislative ceremonies in other states, including the Tamil Nadu Assembly.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot reportedly took note of the development and immediately conveyed his concerns to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, who conducted the proceedings. Responding to the Governor's observation, Rajneesh announced that all ministers should adhere strictly to the officially prescribed oath text while taking the oath of office and secrecy.

Following the announcement, Minister M B Patil engaged in a brief discussion with Governor Gehlot that lasted about a minute, drawing attention from those present. The proceedings continued smoothly thereafter.

### Congress presence

The swearing-in ceremony drew several senior leaders. Among those present were Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretaries K C Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala, as well as the Chief Ministers of various Congress-ruled states. Former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge sat on the dais alongside Shivakumar and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot.

### Free bus passes

The first Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday approved the extension of free bus passes to all school and college students, a one-time relaxation in norms for electricity connections to certain residential buildings, and an additional 3,000-crore infrastructure package for Bengaluru.

Briefing Cabinet decisions, DKS said the free bus pass scheme would be extended to all students studying in schools and colleges across the state.

The Cabinet also approved a one-time exemption from submitting a possession certificate for electricity connections to residential buildings constructed on sites of up to 2,400 sq. ft. (with a permissible variation of 10%). The relaxation will apply to G+2 residential buildings and stilt-plus-three-floor residential structures, provided applications are submitted by May 31, 2026.

## Celebrations as CM's cavalcade rolls on

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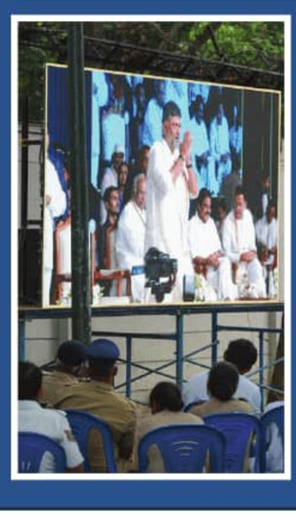

# End of the road for govt schools?

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has reduced the number of school-going children, particularly in rural regions. At the same time, there has been a visible shift in parental preference towards private schools, driven by expectations of English-medium instruction, better infrastructure, and improved academic outcomes," said K Ratna, a school headmistress.

"Fertility decline and migration together have significantly reduced enrolment in rural government schools, making many of them unsustainable," said an education economist. "This has forced administrative mergers and closures, which is now clearly reflected in official datasets."

Urban migration has further worsened the situation, as families move to cities for employment, leaving rural schools with minimal student strength. In several cases, schools with very low enrolment have been merged or shut to optimise resources, though critics argue this has reduced accessibility for children in remote areas.

Educationists also point to rising aspirations among parents for digital learning, English-medium education, and better facilities as key reasons behind the shift away from government schools. "If the current trajectory continues, then the state's government schooling network could face further contraction, deepening the divide between public and private education systems in Karnataka," added Umeshappa, a school headmaster.

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**I,** SUJA MANDHINI JEYABALA MURUGAN alias SUJA NANDINI residing at C-214, 2ND FLOOR, MAHENDRA AARYA, GLASS FACT, ANDAPURA, CHANDAPURA POST, BENGALURU RURAL 560099, have changed my name to SUJA NANDINI JEYABALA MURUGAN vide affidavit dated 03/06/2026 sworn before notary B Seshagiri Bengaluru

**I,** MEHAK P, MEHAK PRAFULL SANCHETI, Residing at No 111, 3rd Main, 4th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560010, I here by declare that MEHAK P and MEHAK PRAFULL SANCHETI both the names are same vide affidavit dated 03/06/2026 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil G.G Bangalore

**I,** SRIDEVI SHUKLA W/o.MANJUNATH SHUKLA, R/at No.32, MSH layout, Anand Nagar, HAF Post, Bengaluru - 560 024, have changed my name and shall here after be known as SRIDEVI M SHUKLA alias SRIDEVI MANJUNATH SHUKLA for all purposes vide Affidavit dated 30/05/2026 sworn before Notary B R Shashikala, Bengaluru.

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**I,** AVINASH S/o Madathil Mukundan aged about 36 years R/At GF-003, Ground Floor, A H ASTER, 6AC-306/2, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, B'luru-560043, have changed my name to AVINASH MUKUNDAN vide affidavit dtd:03/06/2026 sworn before notary Uday Kumar K, Bengaluru.

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## Kirunage sparkles

Director Ashok Kadaba is all set to come out with his sixth movie, Kirunage. Ashok Kadaba's previous movie, Nimbiya Banada Myaga, was released last year.

The movie's title was unveiled by Kannada matinee idol Dr Rajkumar's daughter Lakshmi and son-in-law SA Govindaraj at MMB Legacy on Monday. Actor Shanmukha, Youth Congress leader Ashok Bheemanayak and Directors' Association president NRK Vishwanath attended the function and wished the cast and crew success.

The movie, backed by Lathasri DC under the Harshini Cinemas banner, has completed shooting and is currently in post-production. Director Ashok Kadaba's sixth Kirunage is a love story about a couple willing to sacrifice their relationship for their parents happiness. Set around a wedding, the film has completed shooting and entered post-production. Starring Vijay Raj and Kushbu, it was filmed across Bengaluru, Udupi, Vijapura, Mumbai and Goa.

## Mandya beat unleashed

The team of the Kannada movie Dear Husband has successfully completed the re-recording of its songs. The movie is directed by Gururaj Kulkarni (Nadagouda), and the first schedule of shooting was also completed recently. Gururaj Kulkarni is known for directing the movies Amruth Apartments and The Judgement.

Music director Veer Samarth re-recorded the song Malashree Sikkalo… Mallane Nakkaro at a studio in Bengaluru. Bollywood playback singer Nakash Aziz rendered the song, while Pramod Maruvanthe penned the lyrics.

"A portion of the movie's shooting was completed. Now, we have completed the re-recording of songs. I am very happy to have Bollywood playback singer Nakash Aziz on board. He worked hard to meet our expectations. The recording began in the night and completed in the wee hours. This song is the USP of this movie," said director Gururaj Kulkarni. Mandya-dialect song sparks buzz as Dear husband eyes December release.

# NO STOPPING RANVEER NOW

## FWICE withdraws directive after legal notice and industry intervention

**The Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) on Wednesday withdrew its non-cooperation directive against actor Ranveer Singh, which had been issued following his exit from Don 3.**

**According to PTI, the decision came after intervention by the Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association, the Producers Guild of India and the Cine & TV Artistes' Association. FWICE president BN Tiwari said the directive was being withdrawn with immediate effect after discussions with industry bodies, adding that all parties would work towards a resolution that protected the interests of both filmmakers and the actor.**

**The move comes shortly after Ranveer reportedly served a legal notice to FWICE challenging the directive. While details of the notice remain undisclosed, the organisation has confirmed that its legal team will respond.**

**The dispute stems from Ranveer's departure from Don 3, with reports citing creative differences, production delays and concerns over the script. What began as a casting change later escalated into a wider industry dispute, with claims of compensation demands and the non-cooperation directive.**

**Ranveer's team has maintained that the actor prefers to handle professional matters privately and with dignity.**

**—ETimes**

## Vicky reflects on online backlash

Actor Siddhant Kapoor shared a light-hearted sibling moment with his sister, actress Shraddha Kapoor, on social media on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, actor Vicky Kaushal faced criticism on social media after a joke about married life made during a wedding appearance went viral.

While interacting with a bride and groom on stage, Vicky asked the groom, "How's the josh?", recreating his iconic dialogue from Uri: The Surgical Strike. As the audience cheered, he followed it up with a light-hearted remark suggesting that married men have less enthusiasm than bachelors, drawing mixed reactions online.

Some social media users criticised the comment, while others defended the actor. One user argued that a different celebrity making the same joke would have faced far greater backlash.

Months later, Vicky addressed the criticism in an interview with The Nod Magazine. Reflecting on public scrutiny, he said public figures are not expected to be perfect and that criticism can sometimes offer valuable lessons. He added that fame inevitably comes with responsibility and that constructive feedback can help one grow.

On the professional front, Vicky was last seen in Chhaava and is currently working on Love and War alongside Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor.

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## Parineeti finds joy in little things

Actress Parineeti Chopra recently gave fans a glimpse into her personal life by sharing a collection of photographs celebrating the simple moments that made her May special.

Posting a carousel of images on social media, Parineeti captioned it: "It's the little things that made May." The post featured snapshots of family time, self-care, favourite foods and moments from motherhood.

The photo collection opened with a striking image of the actress in an elegant off-shoulder white outfit. Other highlights included a mango dessert topped with cream and white chocolate shavings, as well as a serene rain-soaked view capturing the beauty of the monsoon season.

One photograph offered a glimpse of son Neer's play area, featuring a red bunny toy on a Mickey Mouse-themed mat. Parineeti, who welcomed Neer in October 2025, recently launched her chat show 'Mom Talks With Parineeti Chopra' and was last seen in 'Amar Singh Chamkila'. — **ETimes**

## From Denver to Mumbai life

When actress Madhuri Dixit married cardiovascular surgeon Shriram Nene in 1999 and moved to Denver, many fans were surprised to see her step away from Bollywood at the height of her career. The couple later welcomed sons Arin and Ryan before returning to Mumbai in 2011.

While Madhuri smoothly resumed her work in films and television, adapting to life in India again was a different experience for Dr Nene, who had spent most of his life in the United States.Speaking to Screen, Madhuri said he embraced Indian culture, shared varied interests and brought balance to her life. She added that family responsibilities influenced their return to India.

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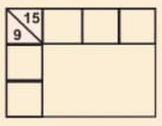
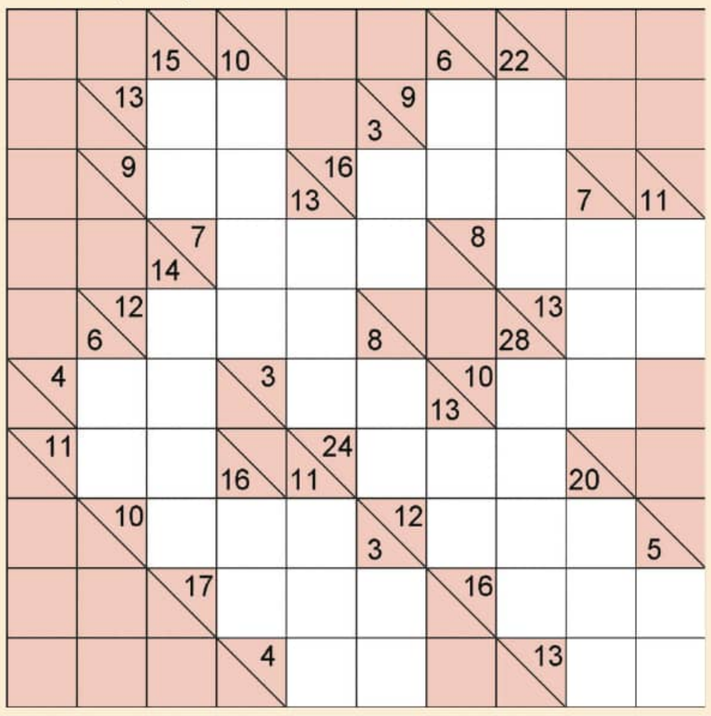
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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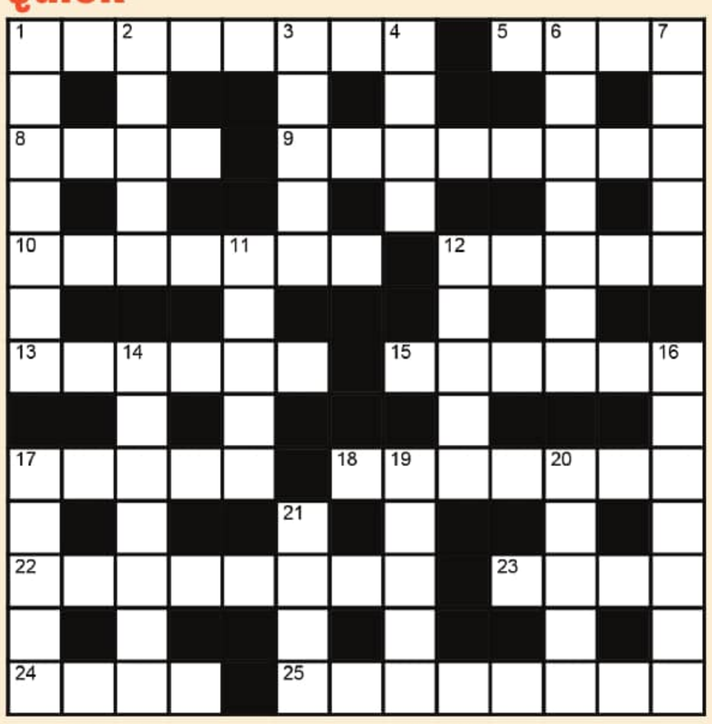


**ACROSS**

1 Capital of Liberia (8)
5 Ill at ease (4)
8 ___ down the law : states one's views authoritatively? (4)
9 Written justification for one's beliefs or conduct (8)
10 Female deity or divinity (7)
12 Pass out (5)
13 Green fodder packed in a silo without drying (6)
15 He found the Path of Enlightenment (6)
17 Airs, tunes or melodies (5)
18 Catching sight of (7)
22 Mr. Putin of Russia (8)
23 White cheese (4)
24 German river (4)
25 Indian mountain range (8)

**DOWN**

1 Slanders, speaks ill of (7)
2 Condemned or denied? (5)
3 Ampoules (5)
4 Many (1,3)
6 Deciduous shrub (7)
7 To long for (5)
11 Advantages (5)
12 Collapse (5)
14 Bangalore's famed botanical gardens (7)
16 Something to spend in Kabul (7)
17 Aficionado (5)
19 Hindu sun-god (5)
20 Absolutely perfect! (5)
21 Village People hit (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: V EQUALS Y**

RNPBPDPM VHY QMP JHH RHMMUPK QWHYJ AHIPHBP PXAP'A QSSMHDQX, JNQJ SPMAHB XHAPA MPASPZJ GHM VHY.

### Linemaro

I noticed you noticing me, and i just wanted to put you on notice, that i noticed you too

### Mindchow

The only way to deal with an unfree world is to become so free that your very existence is an act of rebellion

### Joke of the day

Why can't a bicycle stand up on its own? Because it's two tired

## Loop

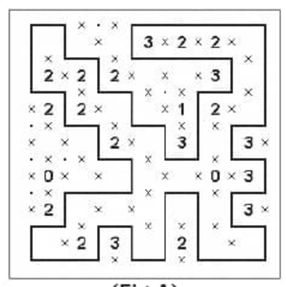
**Rules**

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

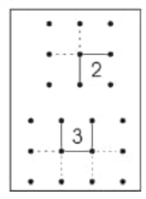
**How to begin:**

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



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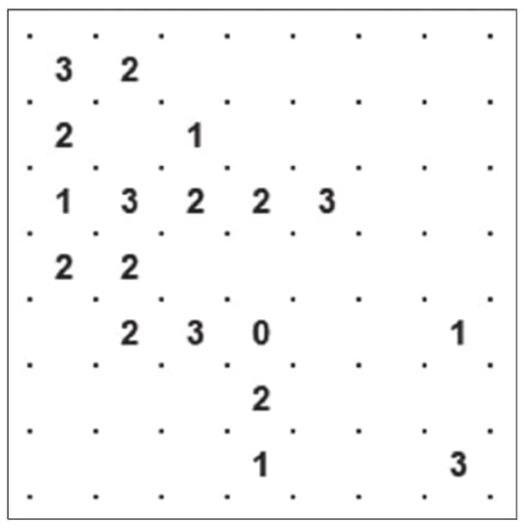
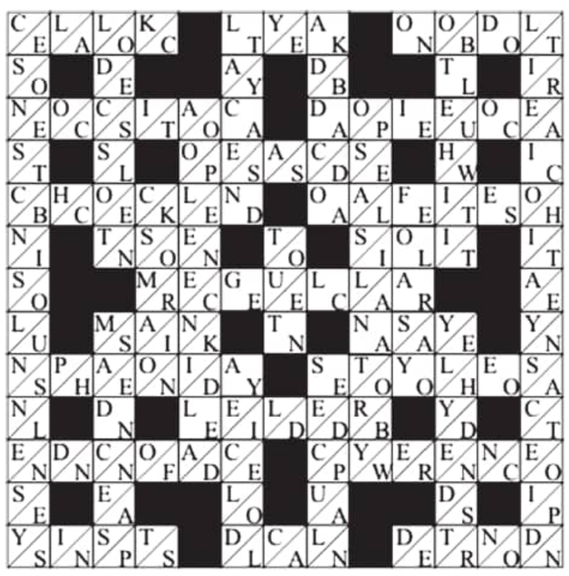


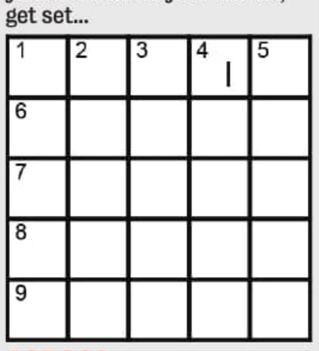
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



**ACROSS**

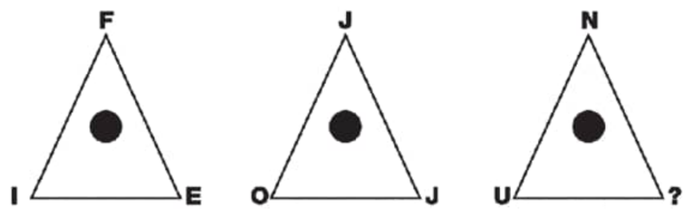
1 Saint; 6 Tiled;
7 Tuile; 8 Defer;
9 End SF

**DOWN**

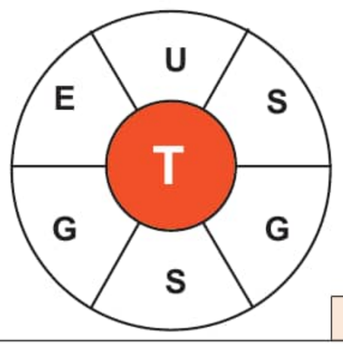
1 Tuffs; 2 Trite;
3 Anile; 4 Le did;
5 Dense

## Mensapuzzle

Which letter is missing?




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

**03** Average; **04** Good; **05** Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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| | 3 | | | 8 | | | 4 | |
| | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 5 | | |
| | | 1 | | | | | 9 | |
| | | 9 | 7 | | 2 | | | |
| 7 | | | 9 | | | 6 | | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**Easy** = 13
5 6 6 8

**Medium** = 16
2 4 6 6

**Hard** = 15
3 6 8 9

## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

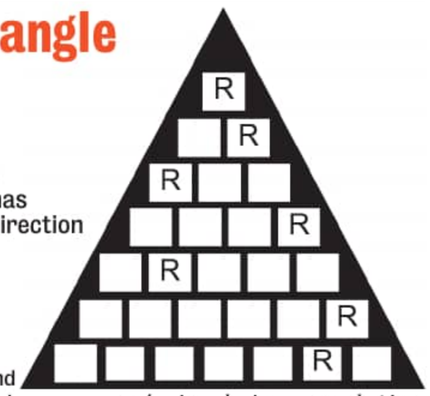
**Differences:** 1. Belt is higher. 2. Towel is longer. 3. Door is wider. 4. Counter is not as wide. 5. Boy's arm is not showing. 6. Soap holder is higher.

## Riddler

There are two groups of four-letter words used in the sentences below. The first missing words of each sentence are anagrams of each other, and the second missing words are also anagrams of each other. Can you find them? 1. The hunters set a ____ for the hare. How else were they to enjoy its succulent _____ ? 2. They all listened in ____ attention as their leader spoke and motivated them to work as a ____. 3. There will always be a small ____ of wildness in a cat, though it is considered to be a ____ animal today.

## Alpha triangle

1 18th letter
2 Conjunction
3 Caviar source
4 Done with
5 Hidden treasure
6 Quantity which has magnitude and direction
7 Transform

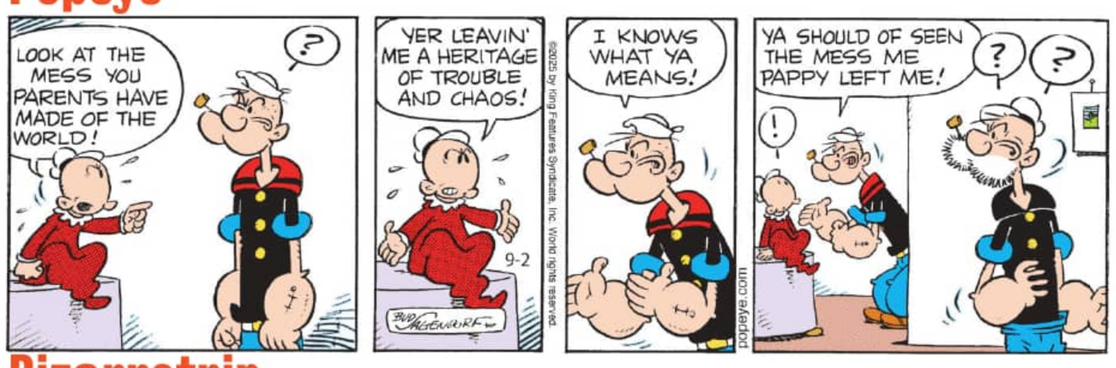



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Popeye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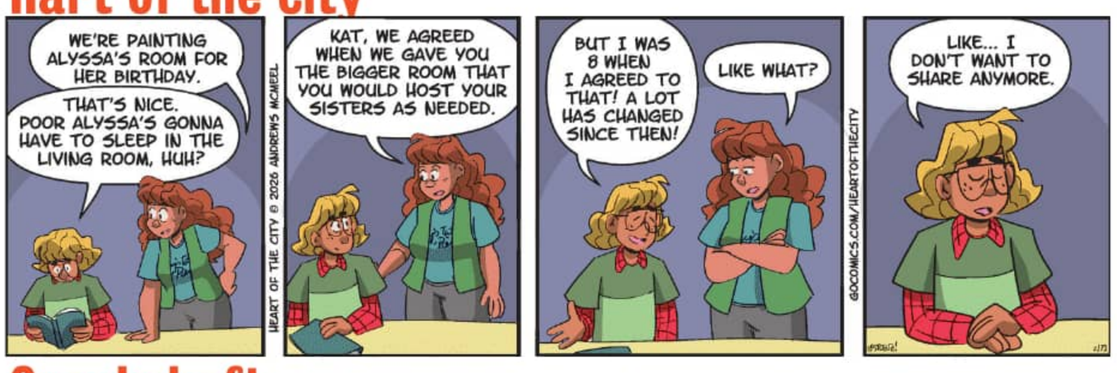
## Hart of the city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KAT, WE AGREED WHEN WE GAVE YOU THE BIGGER ROOM THAT YOU WOULD HOST YOUR SISTERS AS NEEDED.
BUT I WAS 8 WHEN I AGREED TO THAT! A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN!
LIKE WHAT?
LIKE... I DON'T WANT TO SHARE ANYMORE.
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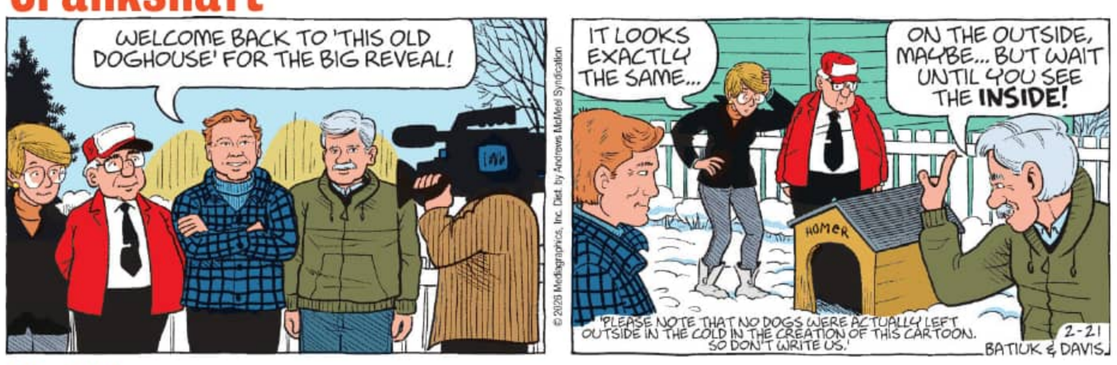
## Crankshaft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IT LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME...
ON THE OUTSIDE, MAYBE... BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE INSIDE!
HOMER
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## Mutts

# WRITTEN IN THE STARS

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## If it's your birthday today

Your creative spark is undeniable today, sparking brilliant solutions to a stagnant workplace issue. Financially, it is time to reassess your budget and cut out unnecessary subscription drains. Love requires patience, as a close friend might need your emotional support more than usual. Incorporate more plant-based foods into your diet to boost your natural immunity and stamina.

**Aries** Mar 21–Apr 20
Pausing current projects today helps you gain clarity about your next steps. Instead of rushing forward endlessly, organize your future plans carefully. Thoughtful preparation now prevents confusion and keeps your long-term vision strong.

**Taurus** Apr 21–May 20
Finishing unfinished tasks becomes your greatest priority today. Staying focused on ongoing responsibilities prevents unnecessary stress later. Clearing pending work creates space for future opportunities while bringing you satisfaction, productivity, and peace of mind.

**Gemini** May 21–Jun 21
Life feels especially smooth and carefree today, giving you space to truly relax and enjoy yourself. Embrace joyful moments, favourite activities, and spontaneous fun because positivity and ease surround your energy beautifully now.

**Cancer** Jun 22–July 23
Someone close to you may quietly need emotional support today. Your compassionate nature offers comfort and reassurance effortlessly. Checking in with loved ones and listening carefully strengthens important bonds while bringing warmth to everyone involved.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Unexpected cancellations create valuable free time for you today. Use these moments to reconnect with hobbies, relaxation, and personal pleasures you've been neglecting recently. Enjoying simple luxuries refreshes your energy and creativity beautifully now.

**Virgo** Aug 24–Sep 23
A refreshing change of scenery inspires you greatly today. Exploring somewhere new, even nearby, broadens your perspective and boosts motivation. Planning a practical yet exciting trip helps restore creativity, enthusiasm, and emotional balance beautifully.

**Libra** Sep 24–Oct 22
Trusting your instincts today leads you toward the right choices confidently. Ignore outside opinions and focus on what genuinely feels correct to you. Following your heart and intuition brings clarity, confidence, and emotional fulfilment.

**Scorpio** Oct 23–Nov 22
Everything unfolds naturally today, making unnecessary stress completely avoidable. Stay relaxed and trust situations to progress smoothly without forcing outcomes. Listening to different perspectives carefully helps you make balanced decisions and maintain harmony easily.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23–Dec 22
Your mind feels overcrowded with unnecessary worries today, making mental clarity essential. Taking time to meditate, relax, or reflect peacefully helps release tension. A calmer mindset allows brighter perspectives and emotional balance to return.

**Capricorn** Dec 23–Jan 20
Dwelling on problems endlessly brings little progress today. Instead, shift your energy toward practical solutions and productive action. Focusing only on controllable situations helps you regain confidence, clarity, and a stronger sense of stability.

**Aquarius** Jan 21–Feb 19
Avoid getting involved in unnecessary drama or other people's conflicts today. Staying focused on your own priorities protects your peace beautifully. Remaining neutral and calm helps you avoid complications while maintaining positive momentum ahead.

**Pisces** Feb 20–Mar 20
Careful thinking benefits you greatly today, especially before making important decisions. Instead of acting impulsively, observe situations patiently and plan strategically. Thoughtful actions now create stability, confidence, and better control over future outcomes beautifully.

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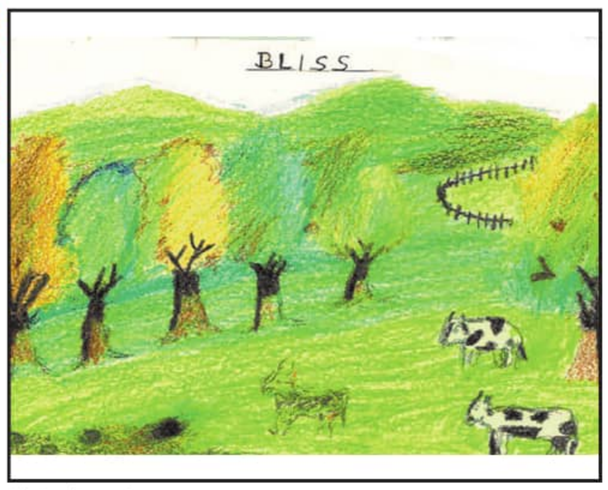


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# SOLUTIONS

**RIDDLER** 1. The hunters set a TRAP for the hare. How else were they to enjoy its succulent MEAT ? 2. They all listened in RAPT attention as their leader spoke and motivated them to work as a TEAM. 3. There will always be a small PART of wildness in a cat, though it is considered to be a TAME animal today. Group I–TRAP, RAPT, PART Group II–MEAT, TEAM, TAMEAn ho

**BULL'S EYE** guest, guesset, gust, suet, SUGGEST

**SOLVE IN 1M**
(-9) • (4) / (-9)
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**MENSA PUZZLE**
O. Moving from left to right, letters on corresponding points of each triangle increase in steps of 4, 5 and 6.

**QUOTE UNCODE**
Whenever you are too worried about someone else's approval, that person loses respect for you.

**SUDOKU**

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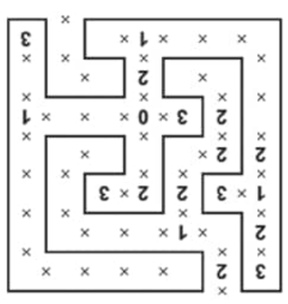
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| 7 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 |

**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
R, Or, Roe, Over, Trove, Vector, Convert.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
6–6 + 8 + 5 = 13
Medium
6–4 + 6 x 2 = 16
Hard
8–9 + 6 x 3 = 15

**LOOP**



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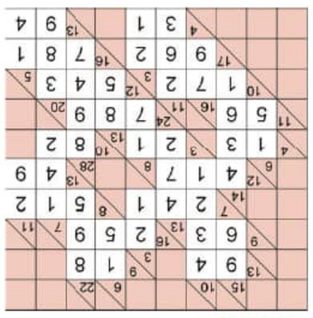

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